

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0021] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0021] As best seen in FIGS. 4 and 5, table assembly 16 is pivotally coupled to bed frame 14 via a hinge assembly 42. Hinge assembly 42 includes a first hinge portion 44 fixedly mounted to bottom wall 22 of bed frame 14. Additionally, hinge assembly 42 includes a second hinge portion 46 fixedly mounted to tabletop 30 of table assembly 16. Second hinge portion 46 includes a mounting bracket portion 48 to facilitate fixedly mounting and supporting tabletop 30 thereon. First hinge portion 44 and second hinge portion 46 each include a pair of L-shaped or doglegged ends 47 that are pivotally coupled along a pivot axis B-B. The particular shape of hinge assembly 42 in the present embodiment permits bed frame 14 to pivot relative to table assembly 16 to define a spacing distance C between the top of tabletop 30 and the bottom of bottom wall 22. This spacing distance permits items to be left upon the top of tabletop 30 even when bed frame 14 is in a lowered position (FIG. 3). Preferably, this spacing distance is about 2 inches; however, any distance may be chosen that facilitates producing a desired spacing distance. It should be recognized, however, that the particular shape of hinge assembly 42 may be modified as needed and need not be identical to that shown in the exemplary figures. Although hinges that provide this desired spacing distance are regarded as being within the scope of this invention.